

Appl. No. 09/682,484  
Amdt. dated November 16, 2004  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Examiner:

5 Acknowledgement is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Taiwan on 03/30/2001. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 090107623 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Response:

10 Our records and the public USPTO PAIR page show that "Foreign Priority Papers Filed" concerning this application were received and/or entered by the USPTO on 09/17/2001. The "Foreign Priority Papers Filed" link on the PAIR web site appears to show, on page 2 of these papers, the certified priority document in question having the Application No. 090107623 displayed in the left central portion of the page. Should this PAIR page prove inaccurate or the received document not  
15 be the certified copy as required, the Applicant respectfully requests additional notice so that this matter can be timely corrected.

Examiner:

20 Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: "an internet" (claim 7) should probably read "an Internet". Appropriate correction is required.

Response:

Claim 7 has been amended as required and reconsideration of claim 7 under this objection is respectfully requested. No new material has been introduced.

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Examiner:

5 Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 recites "a picture image" (line 5) is indefinite, because it is unclear which picture image is referring to.

Response:

10 Claim 4 has been amended changing the words "a picture image" to "new images generated by the opened file" to more particularly point out the present invention and to conform to language used in amended claim 1. No new material has been introduced. Reconsideration of amended claim 4 under the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

15 Examiner:

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Park (U.S. 6,374,245). Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Park and further in view of Jakobson (US 6,697,838).

20 Response:

25 The present application concerns a PDA using a remote computer for processing files. In the prior art, if a user has a file on the PDA but not the application software that can be used to open or edit the file, the user needed to find a computer having the appropriate application software and upload the file from the PDA to that computer. The computer is then used to open, edit, and/or view the file. When finished with the task, the user closes the file and downloads the updated file

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from the computer back to the PDA for storage. (Paragraph [0008]).

5 It is important to note that the file cannot be opened, viewed, nor edited using the PDA in the prior art because the PDA does not have the appropriate software (Paragraph [0005]). Instead, the file is transferred to a computer and the user utilizes the hardware and software of that computer for the viewing/editing task before downloading the updated file to the PDA. Obviously, this is not convenient for the user in many situations.

10 So, the present invention solves the inconvenience problem by allowing the file in question to be opened on the remote computer while permitting viewing and editing of the opened file using the display panel and input device comprised by the PDA (Paragraph [0020]). This ability when combined with a network connection  
15 allows the user to open/view/edit files utilizing the PDA even when the PDA does not have the appropriate software application.

20 Clearly, this functionality is different from the cited prior art's simple uploading and downloading of the file. It is believed possible that the term "picture image" previously used in the claims may have inadvertently led to ambiguity. Therefore, claim 1 has been slightly amended to unambiguously define the present invention by replacing the term "picture image" with the term "images generated by the opened file". Dependent claims have also been amended to conform to this terminology. The ability of the user to use the input device to edit the file on the  
25 display panel of the PDA (Paragraph [0020]) indicates that the "images 152 of the opened file 150" that "are then displayed on the display panel 122 of the PDA 110" are images showing the content of the file and are generated by the opened file as

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currently claimed. Thus, no new material has been introduced. Concerning claim 7, any time that a file is edited, the content changes and therefore a new image is produced.

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Neither the APA nor any of the references cited by the Examiner as pertinent to patentability, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the claimed above recited features of the present application. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1-8.

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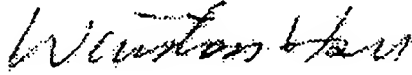
The Applicant additionally requests acceptance, consideration, and allowance of new claims 9-17. Claim 9 depends upon claim 1 and is supported at least by Paragraph [0020]. Claim 10 is independent and comprises the above documented present inventive method. Claims 11-17 depend upon claim 10 and are supported at least by claims 2-7 of the application as originally filed. No new material has been introduced.

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